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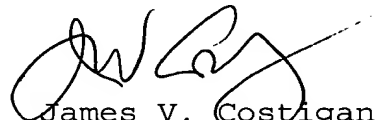
The specification has been amended to delete the "---" lead in lines that were used to set off the amendatory matter for the specification as added in the Amendment filed August 24, 2004.

A certified copy of the priority document with a claim to priority was filed with the Amendment of August 24, 2004, as attested to by the attached postcard receipt and it is requested that the receipt of the priority document be acknowledged.

No further search and/or consideration is required by the presentation of this Amendment and it is requested that the Amendment be entered under the provisions of 37 CFR§1.116.

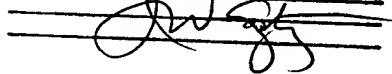
An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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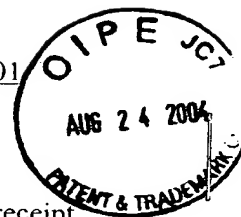
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**Amendment; Claim for Convention Priority with Certified Copy
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